

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs of the Specification as follows (a marked-up set of paragraphs as presently amended is attached hereto as Appendix A):

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*Page 4, Lines 21-27:*

B1 The end wall 18 and base wall 19 likewise comprise folding tabs, to be precise inner transverse tabs 23, 24 and outer, trapezoidal longitudinal tabs 25, 26. The tabs 23, 24, 25, 26 partially overlap one another. In Figure 2, the overlap region, and thus the region of the tabs 23, 24, 25, 26 which are connected to one another by sealing, is illustrated as a blackened and/or hatched surface area.

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*Page 5, Lines 22-38:*

B2 Thereafter, folding of those parts of the outer wrapper which project beyond the pack 10 is completed, the end wall 18 and base wall 19 being formed in the process. In order to fix the folding tabs 23, 24, 25, 26, likewise small-surface-area tacking connections produced by heat sealing, namely in each case two tacking strips 29, 30, are provided. These are provided such that all the folding tabs of the end wall 18 and base wall 19 are covered, that is to say are connected to one another locally. This is because the tacking strips 29, 30 are located in a region in which transverse tabs 23 or 24 and the two longitudinal tabs 25, 26 overlap one another in each case.

Following the tacking of the folding tabs 20, 21 and/or 23, 24, 25, 26, said regions are sealed in a conventional manner. This brings about, at the same time, shrinkage of the film of the outer wrapper 13. It is additionally possible, however, for the pack 10 to be subjected to a separate shrink-wrapping process.

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